

CITY OF VANCOUVERSPECIAL COUNCIL - JULY 11, 1978

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, July 11, 1978, in the Council Chamber at approximately 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Volrich  
Aldermen Bellamy, Brown, Ford, Gerard, Harcourt,  
Kennedy, Marzari, Puil and Rankin

ABSENT: Alderman Gibson

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: D.H. Little

Local Improvements by Petition

MOVED by Ald. Bellamy,  
SECONDED by Ald. Puil,

THAT this Council resolve itself into a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments or the accuracy of frontage measurements, or any other complaints which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Mayor Volrich in the Chair.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pavement and Curbs - Downtown Streets  
(Quebec Street & Terminal Avenue) by Petition -  
Schedule #451

The Court noted Schedule #451 as submitted by the Collector of Taxes listing a local improvement project by petition.

MOVED by Ald. Puil,  
SECONDED by Ald. Rankin,

THAT Schedule #451 as submitted by the Collector of Taxes be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,  
SECONDED by Ald. Puil,

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,  
SECONDED by Ald. Kennedy,

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be received.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Local Improvement Subsequent Procedure

The Council heard the following representation speaking to the project listed:

	<u>Schedule &amp; Project No.</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mr. Davidowitz	451/1	Requested project be deferred to next year to permit consideration of other project of greater urgency.

Council noted a report of the City Manager dated July 5, 1978, in which the City Engineer reported as follows:

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"GENERAL

A project for a Pavement and Curbs (Court #451, Schedule 1) on Quebec Street from 2nd Avenue to the S.P.L. of Lot 1, D.L. 196, 541, 2037, 4670 and 4677, Plan 15452, on the west side. and from 2nd Avenue to a point approximately 18.33 feet N. of the S.P.L. of Lot D, D.L. 196 and 2037, Plan 12898, on the east side, (i.e., to a line about 890 feet north of Terminal Avenue) AND Terminal Avenue, from Quebec Street to Main Street was advanced to a Court of Revision on July 11, 1978 and was defeated.

DISCUSSION:

Quebec Street and Terminal Avenue are two important links in the South By-pass System, previously approved by City Council as a necessary part of the Downtown Transportation Plan. Both Terminal Avenue and Quebec Street, north of First Avenue, are presently 4-lane, uncurbed roadways, while Quebec, between First and Second Avenues, is a 2-lane strip pavement.

(a) Present Role

Quebec Street at present functions as part of the Main Street corridor north of 2nd Avenue. In the last four years, southbound peak hour traffic on this portion of Quebec Street has almost doubled, while northbound traffic has increased five-fold. Because of the high volumes of traffic using the Main Street corridor as a route to and from the downtown, it is now necessary to improve both Quebec alongside False Creek and the portion of Terminal between Quebec and Main Streets so that traffic can be accommodated without the long delays presently being experienced. Improving these streets will bring about improved operating conditions along Main Street, thus facilitating transit operations.

(b) Future Role

The function of Quebec Street will be greatly expanded with completion of the balance of the South By-pass. This system is designed to relieve a number of congested streets in the historic areas of the downtown by providing an alternate route into downtown for through traffic. The Taylor Street portion of the By-pass provides an alternate route to the southern and western portion of downtown, thus relieving Hastings, Cordova, Main and similar congested streets. The Pender Connection provides further relief to Pender Street and permits closure of the Pender-Keefer Diversion. All of this through traffic will use Quebec Street, and a large proportion will use Terminal Avenue as well.

Funds were appropriated in the previous Five-year Plan and additional funds were added in the 1976-1981 Five-year Capital Plan for the completion of this work. City Council on April 11, when dealing with a report on the Chinese Cultural Centre, were advised of the need to complete this South By-pass System. It is my opinion that this piece of roadway under consideration is necessary in the public interest and therefore should be advanced as a local improvement on Special Grounds.

FINANCIAL

The cost sharing for this project is:

Property Owner	\$ 99,987
City	\$282,013
Total Cost	\$382,000

When Council undertakes a project on Special Grounds, a property owner's share is limited to 25% of his assessed land value. None of the properties on this project is affected by this limitation. Funds for the City's share of the project are available, subject to approval of the 1978 Streets Basic Capital Budget.

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RECOMMENDATION

I RECOMMEND that the following project for a Pavement and Curbs be undertaken on Special Grounds and that Council pass a formal resolution to this effect (this will require the votes of two-thirds of all members of Council), and that funds for the City's share be approved in anticipation of general budget approval:

Quebec Street from 2nd Avenue to the S.P.L. of Lot 1, D.L. 196, 541, 2037, 4670 and 4677, Plan 15452, on the west side, and from 2nd Avenue to a point approximately 18.33 feet N. of the S.P.L. of Lot D, D.L. 196 and 2037, Plan 12898, on the east side. (i.e., to a line about 890 feet north of Terminal Avenue) AND Terminal Avenue, from Quebec Street to Main Street."

The City Manager RECOMMENDS that the foregoing recommendation of the City Engineer be approved.

The Assistant City Engineer (Traffic) reviewed for Council the reasons why the Engineering Department was recommending that this project proceed on Special Grounds.

MOVED by Ald. Puil,

SECONDED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT the recommendation of the City Manager contained in his report dated July 5, 1978, be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Puil,

SECONDED by Ald. Harcourt,

WHEREAS a proposed project for pavement and Portland cement concrete curbs on Quebec Street from Second Avenue to the south property line of Lot 1, District Lots 196, 541, 2037, 4670 and 4677, Plan 15452 on the west side, and from Second Avenue to a point approximately 18.33 feet north of the south property line of Lot D, District Lots 196 and 2037, Plan 12898 on the east side, (i.e. to a line about 890 feet north of Terminal Avenue) and Terminal Avenue from Quebec Street to Main Street was recommended by the City Manager on May 5, 1978, and approved by Council on May 16, 1978;

AND WHEREAS the said project was advanced as a local improvement on the initiative principle to a Court of Revision on July 11, 1978, and was defeated;

AND WHEREAS it is hereby declared that it is necessary in the public interest to construct pavement and concrete curbs on the said portions of Quebec Street and Terminal Avenue, as hereinafter set forth;

AND WHEREAS the Council deems that the said project will specially benefit the real property fronting and abutting on the said portions of Quebec Street and Terminal Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the Council may by authority contained in subsection (3) of Section 506 of the Vancouver Charter by resolution passed by two-thirds of all its members, undertake and carry out the paving and the construction of concrete curbs, aforesaid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a pavement with a Portland cement concrete or asphaltic concrete base and asphaltic concrete wearing surface, together with the necessary Portland cement concrete curbs and all other necessary and incidental work in connection therewith, be constructed on the said portions of Quebec Street and Terminal Avenue;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the construction of the said pavement, curbs and all other necessary and incidental work in connection therewith be assessed against the real property fronting and abutting thereon as a local improvement upon the basis provided in By-law No. 3614, being the Local Improvement Procedure By-law, subject, however, to the limitations prescribed in the Vancouver Charter, aforesaid;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proportion of the cost of the construction of the said pavement, curbs and all other necessary and incidental work in connection therewith to be borne by the City pursuant to the Local Improvement Procedure By-law and the Vancouver Charter, aforesaid, be paid out of the general revenue of the City or out of the capital funds raised by the issue of debentures upon the general credit of the City at large.

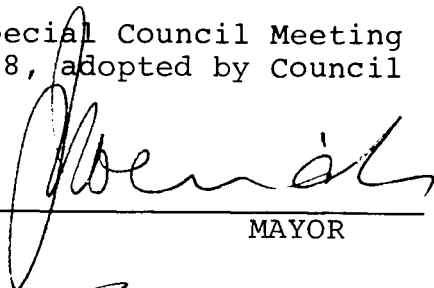
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AND BY THE REQUIRED  
MAJORITY

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The Special Council adjourned at 2:15 p.m. following which Council reconvened in Regular Council.

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The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Court of Revision) of July 11, 1978, adopted by Council on July 25, 1978.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK